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Case Title: **Reporting Office:** Port Imperial Ferry Corp (- CWA) Edison, NJ, Resident Office **Subject of Report: Activity Date:** 2018-02-22 Interview of at NY Waterway in Weehawken, NJ February 22, 2018 **Reporting Official and Date: Approving Official and Date:** Special Agent Special Agent in Charge 08-MAR-2018, Approved by: 07-MAR-2018, Signed by: Assistant Special Agent in Charge **SYNOPSIS** On February 22, 2018, SA and SA interviewed Vice President of NY Waterway in Weehawken, NJ. **DETAILS** On February 22, 2018, at approximately 10:05 am, Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigative Division (EPA-CID) Special Agents (SA) and interviewed Captain of Port Imperial Ferry Corp. (DBA NY Waterway), concerning allegations that the company has been illegally disposing sewage from the NY Waterway Ferries into the New York Harbor/Hudson River. The initial interview took place at 4800 Avenue at Port Imperial in a conference room within the Port Imperial Ferry Terminal. identified themselves and exchanged business cards with SA of Statute 18 USC 1001 and that lying to a Federal Agent is a crime. stated that understood the law. SA advised that EPA-CID has received allegations of illegal discharges of raw sewage going into the Hudson River from the NY Waterway ferry boats. SA NY Waterway has made mistakes or has been taking shortcuts, that needed to be honest and discuss it. stated the boats do not have the ability to discharge directly into the water anymore. that is not present all the time so if it happens it is not company procedure. did advise that on holidays they let the sewage go into the boat and then would pump it out into the sewer later. stated that NY Waterway has thirty-five boats in their fleet with about seventeen to eighteen bathrooms stated any ferry running under thirty minutes does not have a bathroom. to describe the correct process for pumping out the sewage from the ferries. asked stated that there are four stations at the work/maintenance dock where boats that are full can be hooked up and the sullage pumped out. stated the pump is stationed at the head of the dock and does not move, only the hoses move. stated the pump is automatically set at twenty minutes and they can reset it as needed. stated that there is only one pump, and that the hoses are moved from boat to boat. described the pump as a diaphragm pump and stated that sometimes, when the weather is cold, the pump does not work so they call a company who brings in a truck to pump the sewage from the boats to the truck stated they also pump nontoxic antifreeze through the pump in the winter to keep the for removal. pump from freezing. stated the truck could be used up to four days a week.

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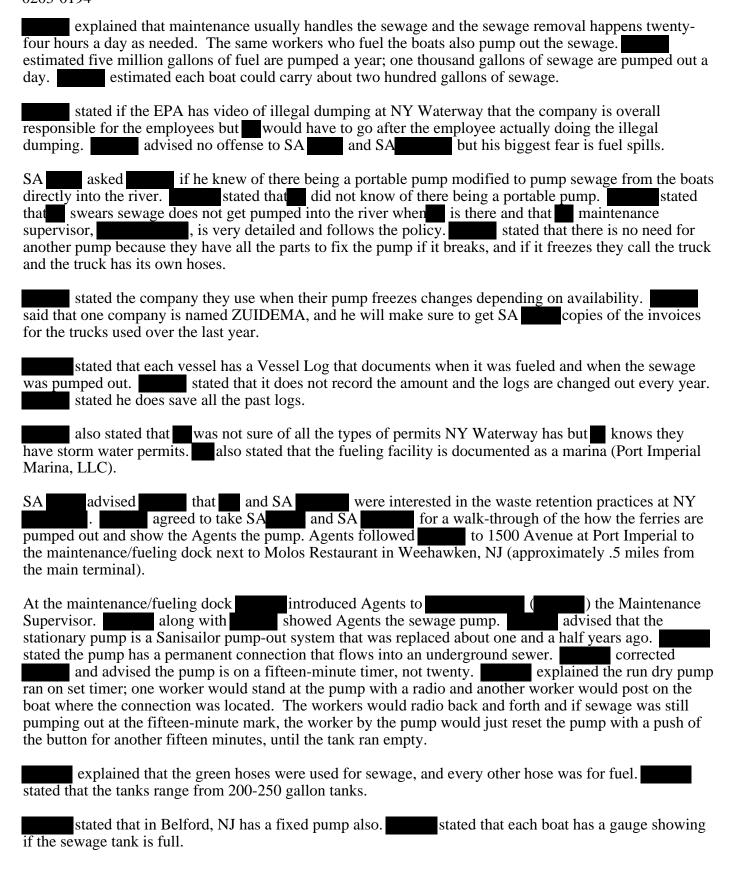
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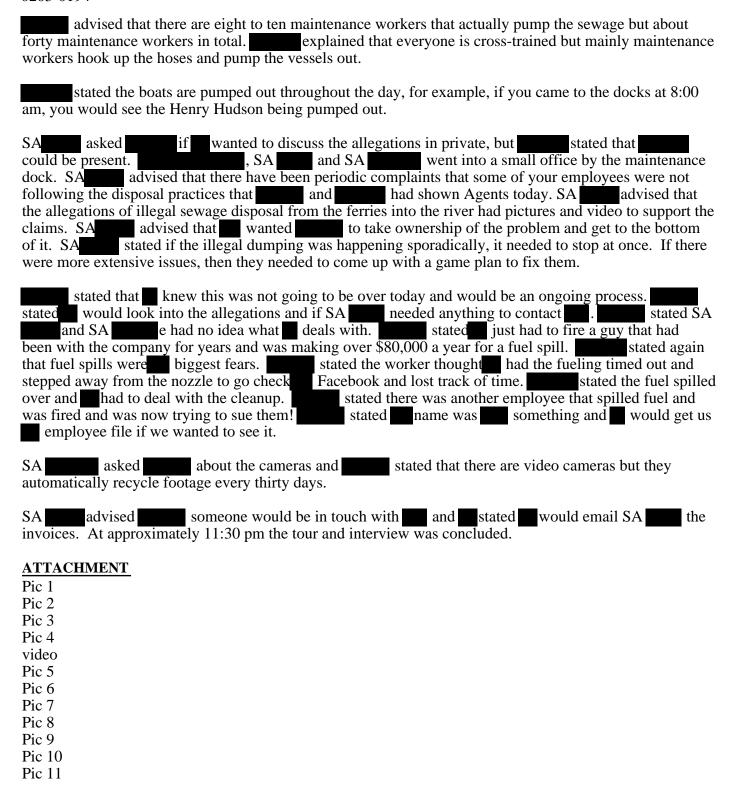
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